

Congressman Elijah E. Cummings

United States Service Academy Nominations

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REQUIREMENTS

In order to be considered for a nomination, all applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a citizen of the United States, never married, has no dependents and not pregnant. This applies only to the Air Force, Military, and Naval Academy.
2. As of July 1, 1997, must be at least 17 years of age and not have passed their 23rd birthday. This applies to the Air Force, Military, and Naval Academy. For the Merchant Marine Academy, you must be at least 17 years of age and not have passed your 25th birthday by July 1.
3. You must have taken either the ACT/SAT no later than January of the year of admission to the Academy.
4. Your permanent/principal home must be in the 7th Congressional District in order to apply for my nomination, i.e., your parent's legal voting address must be in my specific district.
5. You must also demonstrate leadership potential, moral character, physical fitness, and active participation in extracurricular activities.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Once you have contacted my office, in writing, requesting a nomination to a U.S. Service Academy, a folder will be created for your materials. I encourage you to contact my staff periodically to check the status of your folder. All information must be submitted to my district office by **November 10, 2000**. Your completed packet should include:

- One Nomination Letter (example on reverse side)
- High School Transcript

● 2 Letters of Recommendation

Written by individuals who can comment on your motivation, abilities, character and potential. Examples: letters from teachers (especially math or science), coaches, counselors, or ministers.

● SAT/ACT Scores

SAT report code: 5471
ACT report code: 7449

● Typed Essay

Explain why you want to attend a United States Service Academy. The essay should be no longer than 2 pages, doubled-spaced.

Please forward all information to:
Congressman Elijah E. Cummings

ATTN: Mr. Bill Cole
754 Frederick Road
Catonsville, MD 21228
410.719.8777

REVIEW PROCESS

I have a limited number of nominations available each academic year. To assist me in determining the most qualified candidates, I use a Service Academy Review Board. The Board meets with candidates individually and makes recommendations to me based on interviews and the academic materials noted above.

Only candidates with a completed file as of November 10, 2000 will be considered by the Academy Review Board. Applicants will be notified in late December, 2000 as to the time and place for their interview.

Please know that a nomination from me does not necessarily mean that the candidate will be appointed to an Academy. Final acceptance into one of the U.S. Service Academies is made by the individual Academy.

PRE-CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

In order to "Open a File" at the Service Academy of your choice, you should contact the Admissions Office and request a Pre-Candidate Questionnaire. After completing and returning the Questionnaire, the Academy will notify you of its application requirements.

ACADEMY INFORMATION

U. S. Naval Academy
Annapolis, Maryland
410.293.4361

U. S. Military Academy
West Point, New York
914.938.4041

U.S. Air Force Academy
Colorado Springs, Colorado
800.443.9266

U. S. Merchant Marine Academy
Kings Point, New York
800.732.6267

U.S. Coast Guard Academy
New London, Connecticut
800.689.0816

ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS

Most students seek nominations from several sources. Aside from Congressmen, nominations are also available from U.S. Senators, the Vice-President, and the President. I encourage you to contact Senator Paul Sarbanes (410.962.4436) and Senator Barbara Mikulski (410.962.4510) to find out more about their nomination processes.